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Subject: Fact-based Information - Prior E-mail/Report Questions
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Scott / Mark,

Please see attached e-mail from Marc Edwards sent to various people involved in the Flint response including but not limited to Rich Baird. This was forwarded to me in the interest of fact-based research to better understand how conclusions in the e-mail were made and on what basis subsequent public statements were made that "Flint is just like any other city."

I have also attached a summary report from the EPA-funded research of VA Tech. It appears to have testing from 2 homes within Flint, 1 commercial building outside of Flint, and 1 hotel outside of Flint (4 data points/sites).

My questions pertaining to the attachments to this e-mail are as follows:

1. DBP testing of DBP's done by Susan Richardson are referenced as showing "low" levels of (Disinfection By-Products "DBP's" which include volatile chemicals) DBP's. Where are the detailed lab reports? What is the definition of "low" levels? How many different sites were tested? What was tested in each site? Was there any statistical analysis done to support broad conclusions including that "Flint is just like any other city"?
2. The attached e-mail states, "DBP testing done by Dr. Sue Richardson found low levels of DBP's. This is the fourth dataset that shows DBP's are low, contrary to Water Defense concerns". Where is the detailed information for the four data sets including but not limited to detailed lab reports, cites tested, showers tested, hot water tested, etc.
3. What statistical analysis has been done to support claims made to the Public from this information? I ask this in the context of prior public statements that were made based on testing 2 homes in Flint, 1 hotel outside of Flint, 1 commercial building outside of Flint, and what appears to be undisclosed (meaning no one has seen any details) testing from Dr. Sue Richardson that appears to have been funded via VA Tech by the EPA. Can you make comparisons to water in homes and water in hotels and commercial buildings – especially when it comes to showers?
4. It seems to me that the public has an absolute right to all details related to any tax-payer funded testing – if this is not correct, please tell my why and the basis for denying the public the details.

Furthermore, I would like to better understand a summary of the bacteria testing to date including the details of the testing if possible.

I greatly appreciate the professional dialogue and am focused on fact-based information to best support the residents of Flint.

Best Regards,

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